



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to  
3 learn of the death of Leon Welch, who passed away on November  
4 8, 2006; and

5 WHEREAS, Leon Welch was born July 24, 1936 to Sam and  
6 Geanie Welch in Anniston, Alabama; he was one of eight  
7 children; and

8 WHEREAS, He attended Cobb High School where he met Margaret  
9 Ann Dobbins, who became his wife; they were married for 49  
10 years and from their union Lisa Darlene and Kathryn Virginia  
11 were born; and

12 WHEREAS, They moved from Anniston to Chicago in 1958 where  
13 he worked as a longshoreman for Local 19 for more than thirty  
14 years; he later furthered his education, and was the founder of  
15 Acetronics Burglar Alarm Systems; he retired as a longshoreman  
16 and from his business when his health began to challenge him in  
17 1993; and

18 WHEREAS, Leon Welch is survived by his wife, Margaret Ann  
19 Welch; his daughters, Lisa Welch-Austin (Dwight Austin,  
20 son-in-law) and Kathryn Welch; his sister, Eunice Jean Murphy  
21 (Calvin Murphy, brother-in-law); his brother, J. C. Welch; his  
22 grandson, Dwight Leander Austin; his brother-in-law, John  
23 Bradford, Jr.; his nieces, Queen Welch and Libra Murphy; his  
24 nephews, Charles Welch, Leander Murphy, Keyon Welch, and  
25 Rashard Welch; his great nephew, Bashiri Williams; and a host  
26 of extended family and close friends; and

27 WHEREAS, Leon Welch was preceded in death by his mother and  
28 father, Geanie Welch and Sam Welch, Sr.; his brothers, Sam and  
29 Calvin Welch; his sisters, Jessie Welch, Kathryn Welch, and  
30 Ethel Welch-Huff; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
3 his family and friends, the passing of Leon Welch; and be it  
4 further

5           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to the family of Leon Welch.